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ENDS TRIPOLI MEETINGS

BEGIN SUMMARY: A FIVE DAY "INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION," CO-SPONSORED BY WORLD PEACE  
COUNCIL AND LIBYAN GOVERNMENT, CONCLUDED ITS SESSIONS APRIL  
13. WORKING PAPER ADOPTED BY CONFERENCE WAS RELATIVELY  
MODERATE IN TONE AND EMPHASIZED NEED FOR INCREASED COOPERA-  
TION BETWEEN COUNCIL AND UN ORGANS, INCLUDING ILO AND  
REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS. WORKING PAPER ATTACKED ROLE  
OF MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES, AND CONFERENCE ADOPTED OTHER  
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RESOLUTIONS AND POSITIONS WHICH WERE HIGHLY CRITICAL OF US  
NEUTRON BOMB PROPOSALS. CONFERENCE REPRESENTS FURTHER  
ATTEMPT BY LIBYA TO PROJECT IMAGE AS A LEADING "PRO-  
GRESSIVE" STATE. HOWEVER, IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT QADHAFI  
DID NOT ADDRESS CONFERENCE, AND LEADING LIBYAN PARTICIPANT  
WAS AHMAD SHAHATI, HEAD OF THE FOREIGN LIAISON BUREAU  
OF THE GENERAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. END SUMMARY.

1. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION WHICH WAS HELD IN TRIPOLI APRIL 9-13, WAS CO-SPONSORED BY HELSINKI-BASED WORLD PEACE COUNCIL (WPC) AND THE LIBYAN GENERAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. SPOKESMAN FOR THE CONFERENCE CLAIMED THAT OVER 80 DELEGATIONS WERE REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE ALTHOUGH NO LIST OF PARTICIPANTS WAS RELEASED. ONLY ANNOUNCED UN PARTICIPANT WAS ABD AL-RAHMAN KHAN OF UNIDO WHO ATTENDED INAUGURAL SESSION. DICKERSON NICHOL OF UNITAR WAS ALSO IN TRIPOLI LAST WEEK, BUT IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER HE WAS HERE TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE OR NOT. IN ANY EVENT, NO UN PARTICIPANT WAS REPORTED AS HAVING MADE ANY NOTABLE STATEMENTS OR TAKEN OVERT ANTI-WESTERN POSITIONS. WPC ITSELF REPRESENTED BY DELEGATION WHICH INCLUDED BOTH ITS PRESIDENT, ROMESH CHANDRA, AND WPC SECRETARY, BAHNAM BUTRUS AMIN.

2. CONFERENCE AGENDA CONCENTRATED ON TWO PRIMARY ISSUES -- HOW TO INCREASE GROWTH RATES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND HOW TO REALIGN THE ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THEM AND THE DEVELOPED WORLD. THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS -- WHICH WAS PRESENTED BY LIBYAN NUMBER TWO, MAJOR ABD AL-SALLAM JALLUD -- FOCUSED ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL FREEDOM. JALLUD STATED THAT THERE COULD BE NO POLITICAL FREEDOM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNTIL PEOPLES OF THE THIRD WORLD CONFRONT BOTH THE "MONOPOLIST HEGEMONY" OF RESOURCES AND THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM WHICH IS QUOTE BASED ON THE EXPLOITATION OF THE POOR BY THE RICH UNQUOTE. HE POINTED OUT THAT LIBYA LED THE WAY AT BREAKING THE CONTROL OF OIL RESOURCES BY "IMPERIALIST" COUNTRIES, AND THAT THIS WAS PROBABLY THE REASON FOR THE QUOTE IMPERIALIST-CAPITALIST ONSLAUGHT UNQUOTE DIRECTED AGAINST LIBYA. JALLUD EMPHASIZED THAT THE POOR COUNTRIES WERE GETTING POORER, WHILE THE RICH WERE GETTING RICHER, AND FOR THIS REASON, A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER MUST BE ESTABLISHED.

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3. WORKING PAPER ADOPTED BY CONFERENCE WAS GENERALLY MODERATE IN TONE BUT PICKED UP ON SEVERAL OF JALLUD'S THEMES. FOR EXAMPLE, IN ADDITION TO CALLING FOR EXPANDED COOPERATION BETWEEN THE WPC AND THE UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, THE WORKING PAPER CALLED FOR A RESEARCHING AND EXPOSURE OF THE ROLE, ACTIVITIES AND STRATEGIES OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, IT CALLED FOR A CONFERENCE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES IN SOUTH AFRICA WHICH IT SCHEDULED FOR OCT/NOV 1978. IT ALSO CALLED FOR THE HOLDING, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, OF AN INTERNATIONAL LABOR WEEK FROM NOV 16-22, 1978 WHICH WILL BE DIRECTED AGAINST THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES AS QUOTE INSTRUMENTS SERVING IMPERIALISM AND NEO-COLONIALISM UNQUOTE.

4. THE WORKING PAPER ALSO CALLED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO MAKE PROPOSALS REGARDING: A) THE PROTECTION OF SCARCE NATURAL RESOURCES, B) THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, AND C) THE PROTECTION OF RAW MATERIAL PRICES. FINALLY, IT SUPPORTED CREATION OF A CENTER FOR THE COORDINATION OF EFFORTS TOWARD DEVELOPMENT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL

ECONOMIC ORDER.

5. LOCAL MEDIA REPORTED THAT DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE ISSUED STATEMENTS ON OTHER INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AS WELL, MOST OF WHICH WERE HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE US. THE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY (JANA) REPORTED THAT THE DELEGATES CONDEMNED QUOTE THE AMERICAN IMPERIALIST FORCES FOR EMBARKING ON PRODUCTION OF THE NEUTRON BOMB ... AND ALSO INDICTS IMPERIALISM FOR ITS DESIRE TO PRODUCE THIS WEAPON WHILE SUPPORTING THE FASCIST REGIME IN SOUTH AFRICA AND ZIONISM IN THE ARAB REGION UNQUOTE. ADDITIONALLY, JANA STATED THAT THE CONFERENCE SAID THAT ANY FUTURE ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION WOULD QUOTE SUPPORT THE EXPLOITATION BY THE ZIONIST AND US IMPERIALIST ENEMY OF THE POTENTIAL OF AFRICAN NATIONS AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES UNQUOTE.

6. COMMENT. THIS CONFERENCE IS THE LATEST IN A STRING OF INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES -- BOTH LARGE AND SMALL -- HELD IN LIBYA IN RECENT MONTHS AND ILLUSTRATES ONCE AGAIN LIBYA'S INTENTION TO CARVE OUT AN ACTIVE ROLE FOR HERSELF AS A LEADER OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD.  
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IT IS ONE OF THE MORE CURIOUS OF RECENT CONFERENCES, GIVEN THE AVAILABILITY OF NUMEROUS OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA FOR DISCUSSING DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION, AS WELL AS CO-SPONSORSHIP BY ORGANIZATION THAT IS ESSENTIALLY A SOVIET PROPAGANDA ORGAN. WITH THIS SPONSORSHIP STRONGLY ANTI-WESTERN POSITION ON MOST ISSUES WAS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION DESPITE AN ATTEMPT TO LEND AN AIR OF LEGITIMACY TO THE PROCEEDINGS BY STRESSING PARTICIPATION BY UN AGENCIES AND BY DELEGATIONS FROM ALL AREAS OF THE GLOBE. IT IS SOMEWHAT NOTEWORTHY, HOWEVER, THAT QADHAFI FAILED TO MAKE ANY APPEARANCE AT ALL IN VIEW OF THE LOCAL MEDIA BUILD-UP AND HIS RETURN TO TRIPOLI AFTER AN EXTENDED ABSENCE. THIS WAS PROBABLY DUE TO HIS DESIRE TO AVOID TOO CLOSE AN IDENTIFICATION WITH A CONFERENCE WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MORE A VEHICLE FOR PROMOTING SOVIET POLICY INTERESTS THAN LIBYAN (AND ARAB) INTERESTS PER SE. END COMMENT.  
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